

## **MS-108: Graphic Arts Union, Local 199 Records**

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**Title:** Graphic Arts Union, Local 199 Records

**Dates:** 1936-1978 (bulk 1950-1965)

**Creator:** Graphic Arts International Union. Local No. 199 (Dayton, Ohio)

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Graphic Arts Union (Local 199), formerly the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, was a union that served the Miami Valley of Ohio. The collection contains materials from the internal business of Local 199. It includes membership and executive board meeting minutes, financial records, membership lists, negotiation records, grievance cases, and correspondence. The collection also contains materials from labor organizations affiliated with the Graphic Arts Union such as the Allied Printing Trades Council, the United Organized Labor of Montgomery County, and various chapters from the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 4.5 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

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**Acquisition:**

The records of the Graphic Arts Union, Local 199, were accessioned into the Wright State University Archives and Special Collections in July 1980 as part of the Ohio Labor History Project, accession number 80-14.

**Separated Materials:** Microfilm in the collection is located in the reading room microfilm cabinets.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

[http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/ms108.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms108.pdf). It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** Minutes on microfilm can be viewed on the reading room microfilm reader/scanner.

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**Arrangement:**

Subgroup I: Local 199 Records, 1936-1978

Series 1: Constitution, By-Laws, & Resolutions, 1953-1961

Series 2: Minutes (MFM 22), 1950-1966

Subseries 1: Minutes of Regular Meetings, 1950-1965

Subseries 2: Minutes of the Executive Board, 1950-1964

Subseries 3: Minutes of Conferences, 1962-1966

Subseries 4: Miscellaneous Minutes, 1953-1957

Series 3: Membership and Elections, 1936-1968

Subseries 1: Membership Registers, 1936-1949

Subseries 2: Certificates of Officers, 1954-1959

Subseries 3: Election Ballots, 1944-1968

Series 4: Financial Records, 1947-1965

Subseries 1: Monthly Financial Reports, 1947-1952

Subseries 2: Quarterly Audits, 1951-1965

Subseries 3: Annual Financial Reports, 1952-1965

Series 5: Grievances, 1951-1965

Series 6: Negotiations, 1945-1978

Subseries 1: Negotiations with Dayton Press, 1977-1978

Subseries 2: Negotiations with McCalls, 1948-1975

Subseries 3: Negotiations with Mazer Company, 1971-1974

Subseries 4: Negotiations with Reynolds and Reynolds, 1951-1974

Subseries 5: Negotiations with Rike Paper Products, 1945

Subseries 6: Negotiations with Specialty Paper Company, 1954  
Subseries 7: Negotiations with Sunshine Biscuit Company, 1946  
Subseries 8: Negotiations with United Color Press 1972-1975

Series 7: Correspondence, 1940-1966

Subseries 1: Correspondence with Companies, 1942-1965

Subseries 2: Correspondence with U.S. Government, 1940-1966

Subseries 3: General Correspondence, 1942-1965

Subgroup II: Other Organizations, 1952-1971

Series 1: Allied Printing Trades Council, 1956-1965

Subseries 1: Minutes, 1956-1965

Subseries 2: Correspondence, 1957-1965

Series 2: United Organized Labor of Montgomery County, 1957-1958

Subseries 1: Minutes, 1957-1958

Subseries 2: Financial Records, 1958

Subseries 3: Correspondence, 1958

Series 3: Dayton and Miami Valley AFL-CIO, 1958-1964

Subseries 1: Minutes, 1960-1964

Subseries 2: Financial Reports, 1960-1964

Subseries 3: Community Service Activities, 1958-1964

Subseries 4: Correspondence, 1960-1964

Series 4: Ohio and National AFL-CIO, 1953-1965

Subseries 1: Constitution, 1964

Subseries 2: Financial Reports, 1958-1965

Subseries 3: Correspondence, 1958-1965

Subseries 4: Committee on Political Education, 1953-1960

Series 5: International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, 1952-1971

Subseries 1: Financial Reports, 1961-1965

Subseries 2: Correspondence, 1953-1966

Subseries 3: Labor Managing Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, 1959

Subseries 4: Selective Service, 1953-1955

Subseries 5: Specimen Contracts, undated

Subseries 6: Hour and Wage Objectives, undated

Subseries 7: The International Bookbinder, 1952-1971

**Historical Note:**

The Graphic Arts Union, Local 199 was formed in Dayton, Ohio, and was created out of the labor organization the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, also known as the Dayton Bookbinders Union. The union operated under that name until the late 1970s, when they switched to become the Graphic Arts Union (GAU). The GAU was a local of the Graphic Arts

International Union (GAIU). The first local member joined in 1936. The earliest members are recorded having worked for the publishing company, McCalls. The union would go on to serve employees from the Dayton Press, Rike Paper Products, and other well-known Dayton companies.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Subgroup I of Local 199 records contains material which deals with the internal business of the Local. There are four bound volumes of records of dues paid and lists of men members for 1941 and 1949, and lists of women members for 1942 and 1949. The minutes, which are on microfilm, are for the regular monthly meetings and the Executive Board and cover the years 1949 to 1979. There are also a few copies of minutes in the file folders (see the box and folder listing). The certificates of union officers in Series 3, Membership and Elections, give titles and names of all officers of the union from 1954-1959. This series also includes election results for the years 1940, 1944, 1946-1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1965, and 1968.

Series 4, Financial Records, includes very thorough financial records of the local monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for the years 1951-1965. Series 5 gives details of members' grievances concerning their working conditions. There is much useful material in the Negotiations files, which contain extensive records of meetings between companies and the union, company proposals, and union counter-proposals for the 1960s and 1970s. In the series dealing with negotiations with McCalls, there is a very interesting file on company policy concerning pregnant workers. In the 1940s pregnant women would receive no leave of absence. They would have to terminate their employment and lose all their benefits. If they wished to return after their babies were born, it would be as new employees. This policy was changed in the 1950s.

The correspondence files contain petitions, information about negotiations and details of pay scales. There is an interesting letter in the file of correspondence with the Giele end Pflaum Printing Company, dated 1945, which encloses with it a complaint about the Local not using union labels on their own printed circulars. In the file of correspondence with McCalls, there is an undated pamphlet which gives facts and figures about the company, such as the sort of work which was done by the different departments, and a list of the periodicals which were printed by them. There is also a letter, dated 1947, which gives information about benefits for World War II veterans returning to employment with the company. Some of the correspondence files with various companies, such as Standard Register, include ballots which show that the union did not receive a sufficient number of votes from employees to become the bargaining representative for the company.

In the correspondence with the U.S. Government National Labor Relations Board, there are copies of annual registration forms from 1949-1957 which give information to the Department of Labor about the Local's officers and the compensation they received. There are affidavits for the years 1947-1949, in which union officers swore that they were not members of the Communist party. There is also a file on veterans of the Second World War, which includes a handbook, some pamphlets, and a few letters dealing with their rights concerning re-employment. One letter from the War Relocation Authority, dated August 28, 1944, deals with the re-settlement of some Japanese Americans in Dayton.

In the general correspondence files, there is a file on Charles A. Schill. Schill was the Secretary-Treasurer of Local 199 for many years. He was convicted and jailed for embezzling over \$18,000 of union funds during the period from 1945 to 1951. Although Schill submitted his resignation to the union, it is evident from the files that for the next ten years he attempted to get re-instatement. This was constantly denied him. The union felt that Schill had done tremendous damage, not only to the local, but to the rank and file of all labor people and would not consider re-instatement unless he made a full restitution of all the money he had taken.

Also in the correspondence files, there are plans and blue prints for a proposed new union building which has not been built, correspondence with members, past officers, and other locals. One file contains correspondence with the Dayton Union Label Council and information about where to buy union-made merchandise and about the necessity for using union labels on that merchandise.

Subgroup II contains records of other organizations with which Local 199 had dealings. There is such material as minutes of meetings, financial records, and general correspondence. The United Organized Labor of Montgomery County series includes a file on the controversial Right to Work Bill of 1958 with a number of newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and correspondence urging members to vote against the Bill.

In the records of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, there is a file containing material relating to the Labor Managing Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 which includes the program of a Briefing Conference held in 1964 to discuss some of the problems in interpretation, administration, and enforcement of the Act. The collection also contains copies of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders' publication, The International Bookbinder, from January 1952 to December 1971.

### **Subject Terms :**

#### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Graphic Arts International Union. Local No. 199 (Dayton, Ohio) -- Archives  
Graphic Arts International Union  
McCall Publishing Company – Negotiation

#### **Places**

Dayton (Ohio) -- Labor

#### **Subjects (General)**

Labor unions – Graphic arts – Ohio  
Labor unions – Ohio – Dayton – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Printing industry – Employees – Labor unions – Ohio -- Dayton  
Collective labor agreements – Printing industry – Ohio  
Collective bargaining – Printing industry – Ohio -- Dayton

#### **Material Types**

Correspondence  
Minutes (administrative)

Membership lists  
Financial records  
Microfilm

**Collection Inventory**

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>File</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>SUBGROUP 1: LOCAL 199 RECORDS</b>			<b>1936-1978</b>
<b>SERIES 1: Constitution, By-Laws, &amp; Resolution</b>			<b>1953-1961</b>
1	1	Constitution and By-Laws	1953, 1956, 1961
1	2	Resolution	undated
<b>SERIES 2: Minutes (MFM 22)</b>			<b>1950-1966</b>
<b>Subseries 1: Minutes of Regular Meetings</b>			<b>1950-1965</b>
1	3	Minutes of Regular Meetings	1950 Jan – 1951 Mar
1	4	Minutes of Regular Meetings	1963 Mar – 1965 Jan
<b>Subseries 2: Minutes of Executive Board</b>			<b>1950-1964</b>
1	5	Special Meetings of the Executive Board	1962 Sept – Dec
1	6	Minutes of the Executive Board	1950 Jan – 1951 Apr
1	7	Minutes of the Executive Board	1964 Nov – Dec
<b>Subseries 3: Minutes of Conferences</b>			<b>1962-1966</b>
1	8	Minutes of Bookbinders' Conferences	1962 Apr – 1966 Oct
<b>Subseries 4: Miscellaneous Minutes</b>			<b>1953-1957</b>
1	9	Miscellaneous Minutes	1953 Dec – 1957 Dec
<b>SERIES 3: Membership and Elections</b>			<b>1941-1959</b>
<b>Subseries 1: Membership Registers</b>			<b>1936-1949</b>
Bound Volume		Women's Membership Dues	1941
Bound Volume		Women's Membership Dues	1942
Bound Volume		Women's Membership Dues	1949
Bound Volume		Men's Membership Dues	1936-1949
<b>Subseries 2: Certificates of Officers</b>			<b>1954-1959</b>
1	10	Certificates of Union Officers	1954-1959
<b>Subseries 3: Membership and Elections</b>			<b>1944-1968</b>
1	11	Election Ballots	1944 Dec – 1968 Dec
<b>SERIES 4: Financial Records</b>			<b>1947-1965</b>
<b>Subseries 1: Monthly Financial Reports</b>			<b>1947-1952</b>
1	12	Financial Records (Petty Cash)	1947 Oct – 1951 Apr
1	13	Monthly Financial Records	1950 Jan – 1952 Oct

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>Subseries 2: Quarterly Audits</b>	<b>1951-1965</b>
1	14	Quarterly Audits	1951 June-1965 December
		<b>Subseries 3: Annual Financial Reports</b>	<b>1952-1965</b>
1	15	Annual Financial Reports	1952-1965
1	16	Annual Reports to the US Dept. of Labor	1953-1962
		<b>SERIES 5: Grievances</b>	<b>1951-1965</b>
1	17	Grievances	1951-1965
		<b>SERIES 6: Negotiations</b>	<b>1945-1978</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Negotiations with Dayton Press</b>	<b>1977-1978</b>
1	18	Negotiations with Dayton Press Correspondence	1977
1	19	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1977 Sept 13-27
1	20	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1977 Sept 27- Oct 24
1	21	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1977 Oct 25-Nov 8
1	22	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1977 Nov 9-1978 Feb 14
2	1	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1978 Feb 14-Apr 10
2	2	Negotiations with Dayton Press	1978 Apr 10-May 16
		<b>Subseries 2: Negotiations with McCalls</b>	<b>1948-1975</b>
2	3	Special Meetings of McCalls Chapels	1956 Feb 12-1962 Jan 8
2	4	Minutes of Meetings between Company and Union	1965
2	5	Proposals and Contracts	1965
2	6	Minutes of Meetings between Company and Union	1971
2	7	Minutes of Union Contract Meetings	1971
2	8	Union Proposals	1971
2	9	Proposed Contracts	1971
2	10	Correspondence	1971
2	11	Special Meetings of McCalls Chapels	1966 Feb 17-1973 Apr 26
3	1	Minutes of Meetings between Union and Company	1974
3	2	Minutes of Union Contract Meetings	1974
3	3	Union and Company	1974 April 16-July 11
3	4	Union and Company Proposals	1974 July 25-Nov 22
3	5	Union and Company Proposals	1974 Dec 4-1975 Jan 26
3	6	McCalls Pension Plan	1975
3	7	McCalls Apprenticeship Standards	undated
3	8	McCalls Policies for Pregnancy	1948-1962
		<b>Subseries 3: Negotiations with Mazer Company</b>	<b>1971-1974</b>
3	9	Minutes of Meetings Between the Union and	1971



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		Company	
3	10	Minutes of Union Contract Meetings	1971
3	11	Proposals and Contracts	1971
3	12	Correspondence	1971
3	13	Minutes of Union Meetings	1974
3	14	Proposals	1974
		<b>Subseries 4: Negotiations with Reynolds and Reynolds</b>	<b>1951-1974</b>
3	15	Agreement with Reynolds and Reynolds	1951
3	16	Proposals	1971
4	1	Proposals	1974
		<b>Subseries 5: Negotiations with Rike Paper Products</b>	<b>1945</b>
4	2	Negotiations with Rike Paper Products	1945
		<b>Subseries 6: Negotiations with Specialty Paper Company</b>	<b>1954</b>
4	3	Negotiations with Specialty Paper Company	1954
		<b>Subseries 7: Negotiations with Sunshine Biscuit Company</b>	<b>1946</b>
4	4	Negotiations with Sunshine Biscuit Company	1946
		<b>Subseries 8: Negotiations with United Color Press</b>	<b>1972-1975</b>
4	5	Minutes of Meetings between the Union and Company	1972
4	6	Union and Company Proposals	1972
4	7	Minutes of Meetings between Union and Company	1975
4	8	Proposals	1975
		<b>SERIES 7: Correspondence</b>	<b>1940-1966</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Correspondence with Companies</b>	<b>1942-1965</b>
4	9	Bussell Printing Co.	1954
4	10	Dayton Blank Book Printing Co.	1943-1964
4	11	Drury Printing Co.	1960
4	12	Egry Register Co.	1943-1946
4	13	Giele & Pflaum Printing Co.	1945-1958
4	14	Horstman Printing Co.	1954-1963
4	15	McCalls – Miscellaneous	1947-1965
4	16	McCalls – Chapels	1954-1962
4	17	Reynolds & Reynolds	1942-1965

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
4	18	Rike Paper Products	1945
4	19	Specialty Papers Co.	1950-1962
4	20	Standard Register Co.	1943-1965
4	21	Stanley Greeting Co.	1954-1961
4	22	Miscellaneous Companies	1953-1959
		<b>Subseries 2: Correspondence with U.S. Government</b>	<b>1940-1966</b>
4	23	National Labor Relations Board – General	1940-1963
4	24	National Labor Relations Board, Labor Organization Registration Forms	1949-1957
4	25	National Labor Relations Board – Sworn Affidavits	1947-1949
4	26	U. S. Department of Labor	1955-1966
4	27	Reference to Veterans’ Re-employment	1945-1956
4	28	National War Labor Board	1944-1945
4	29	War Relocation	1944
		<b>Subseries 3: General Correspondence</b>	<b>1942-1965</b>
5	1	Charles A. Schill	1951-1961
5	2	Dayton Arcade Company	1942-1952
5	3	Reference to Plans for Proposed Union Bldg.	1969
5	4	Reference to Charities	1956-1964
5	5	Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce	1956-1959
5	6	Reference to Entertainment	1957-1963
5	7	Past Officers of Local	1951-1965
5	8	Letters to Members	1947-1966
5	9	Other Bookbinders, Local	1957-1965
5	10	Other Unions	1943-1965
5	11	Labor Union Newspapers	1957-1961
5	12	Central Labor Union	1951-1958
5	13	Greene County Labor League	1958-1960
5	14	Dayton Union Label Council	1960-1964
5	15	Ohio Civil Rights Commission	1960
5	16	Miscellaneous	1956-1965
		<b>SUBGROUP II: OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>1952-1971</b>
		<b>SERIES 1: Allied Printing Trades Council</b>	<b>1956-1965</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Minutes</b>	<b>1956-1965</b>
5	17	Allied Printing Trades Council Minutes	1956 Jan-Nov
		<b>Subseries 2: Correspondence</b>	<b>1957-1965</b>
5	18	Allied Printing Trades Council - Correspondence	1957-1965

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>SERIES 2: United Organized Labor of Montgomery County</b>	<b>1957-1958</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Minutes</b>	<b>1957-1958</b>
5	19	United Organized Labor of Montgomery, Minutes	1957-1958
		<b>Subseries 2: Financial Records</b>	<b>1958</b>
5	20	United Organized United Organized Labor of Montgomery County, Financial Records	1958
		<b>Subseries 3: Correspondence</b>	<b>1958</b>
5	21	United Organized Labor of Montgomery County, Correspondence	1958
5	22	United Organized Labor of Montgomery County-Right to Work Bill	1958
5	23	United Organized Labor of Montgomery County-Miscellaneous	undated
		<b>SERIES 3: Dayton and Miami Valley AFL-CIO</b>	<b>1958-1964</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Minutes</b>	<b>1960-1964</b>
5	24	Dayton and Miami Valley AFL-CIO, Minutes of Delegate Meetings	1960 Jan – 1964 Jul
5	25	Dayton and Miami Valley AFL-CIO, Minutes of Executive Board	1960 Jan – 1963 Jul
		<b>Subseries 2: Financial Reports</b>	<b>1960-1964</b>
6	1	Dayton and Miami Valley AFL-CIO, Financial Reports	1960 Jan – 1964 Sept
		<b>Subseries 3: Community Service Activities</b>	<b>1958-1964</b>
6	2	Community Services Activities	1958-1964
		<b>Subseries 4: Correspondence</b>	<b>1960 – 1964</b>
6	3	Correspondence	1960 Jan – 1964 Dec.
		<b>SERIES 4: Ohio and National AFL-CIO</b>	<b>1953-1965</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Constitution</b>	<b>1964</b>
6	4	Constitution	1964
		<b>Subseries 2: Financial Reports</b>	<b>1958-1965</b>
6	5	Financial Reports	1958-1965
		<b>Subseries 3: Correspondence</b>	<b>1958-1965</b>

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
6	6	Correspondence	1958-1965
6	7	Miscellaneous	No Date
		<b>Subseries 4: Committee on Political Education</b>	<b>1953-1960</b>
6	8	Committee on Political Education (C.O.P.E)	1953-1960
		<b>SERIES 5: International Brotherhood of Bookbinders</b>	<b>1952-1971</b>
		<b>Subseries 1: Financial Reports</b>	<b>1961-1965</b>
6	9	Monthly Financial Report	1961 Jan. – 1965 Nov.
		<b>Subseries 2:Correspondence</b>	<b>1953-1966</b>
6	10	Correspondence in reference to elections	1957-1964
6	11	Correspondence	1953-1966
		<b>Subseries 3: Labor Managing Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959</b>	<b>1959</b>
6	12	Labor Managing Reporting Disclosure Act of 1959	1959
		<b>Subseries 4: Selective Service</b>	<b>1953-1955</b>
6	13	Selective Service	1953-1955
		<b>Subseries 5: Specimen Contracts</b>	<b>undated</b>
6	14	Specimen Contracts	undated
		<b>Subseries 6: Hour and Wage Objectives</b>	<b>undated</b>
6	15	Hour and Wage Objectives	undated
		<b>Subseries 7: The International Bookbinder (I.B.B.)</b>	<b>1952-1971</b>
6	16	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1952 – 1953 Oct
6	17	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1954 – 1955 Jan
6	18	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1955 – 1957 Jun
7	1	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1958 – 1961 Jun
7	2	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1968 – 1969 Oct
7	3	<u>The International Bookbinder</u>	1969 – 1971 Dec